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4/8/68 Serial 904 Memphis teletype "summary of today's investigative activities."
All "motels in the area are being checked for registration cards...identify the owners of Mustrangs who stopped...immediately preceeding King's murder."
Jackson teletype 2:30 a.m. 4/5, suspects at service station "checked out and found to be without substance."

4/12/68 Serial 907 Atlanta teletype. Cab driver Charles Stephens pick one of Ray's general build to near where car was abandoned that a.m. and took to Greyhound station.

4/5/68 No visible serial Memphis teletype on summary of incidents. (about ser 931-2)
Quotes Canipe as saying he inspected package and then saw white Mustang leave. (He denies.
(Page 2)Page 3 says roomer saw man enter andleave bathroom often, once remaining 20-30 minutes (Frank's source?)
Page 4 (On arrival investigating officers, bathroom window observed to be open approximately three inches." (check my contemporaneous pix.)

4/16/68 Serial 938, Ray used mail forwarding agent in LA

4/12 and 16/68, both Serial 950, a sketch of the King assassin by two inmates of the St. Louis County jail, given warden and then FBI, sent Bureau 4/12, stamp dated 4/16.
Fascinatingly enough their note is signed either MURLIN or MURKIN, the first not a correct spelling, the latter the secret code name of the FBI's investigation. How did they know.

4/15/68 Serial 962 (?) Bureau teletype re Galt writing, Provencal Motel registration ("does not contribute to other findings with respect to the Lowmyer signature") has phone numbers picked up from phone book impressions (months later-no reason to believe Ray used room phone-no bills to indicqte it)524-1123; 288-3904;899-3061.
names picked up given as Herbie possibly Shirley "with last name possibly 'Porich' or Porick also number 3619 - Robert."
(If Hoover saw this he had to rip a gut! Ray was there in December (as I also was that December and November) and there is a major event in New Orleans every January 1. I was invited that year, as the guest of the woman in charge of something like the 'homecoming' - of the Sugar Bowl. Shirley Poyich was the sports editor of the Washington Post. And this teletype was from Washington in Hoover's name.)
"Also names interpreted as 'Jane Penney' of "Fennery.'"

4/15/68 Serial 964 (?) Memphis teletype "Summary of Investigation "4/15 with another false record creqated,"Two additional witnesses located who were in Jim's Grill... unable to furnish any information of pertinence." Some of these witnesses had the most pertinent information - that Ray's car had been in front of the grill, not Canipe's, and was gone just before the assassination.
Theay still claim not to have been able to locate anyone registered at the Lorraine 4/3 and 4. Not like Jesse Jackson, Ralph Abernathy, etc?

4/15/68 Serial 967?) McGowan to Rosen LA obtained Galt bartending-school photo to arrive D.C. 6:07 a.m 4/16 Baltimore airport. Atlanta was sending a bunch of stuff to reach the same airport earlier that day but after midnight. (Cirrelate with the belated identifying of all those Ray prints- even names Ray and alias Riley.)

4/15/68 Serial 971 (?) N.O. teletype on that day's investigation includes:" All rooming houses and apts on Napolean Ave. from the five hundred black of St. Charles Ave. checked this date with negative results." In a city so large so small an area only checked - and for no apparent reason?

4/6/68 Serial 982 prepared statement to big brass, unsigned, initials CLH gives results ballistics tests ("could have been fired from the rifle") earlier than any lab work dating I can recall.

4/16/68 Serial 1021 Atlanta teletype about "neighborhood 113 14th Street, Atlanta." Paid week rent in advance 3/24, then again 3/31, "This was the last time the landlord saw Galt. Left laundry and dry cleaning at Piedmont Cleaners about 300 feet from the rooming house on Aprl. one and picked it up at approximately nine am" 4/5. Jimmy inists he did not go back to Atlanta from Birmingham, where the purchase of the ridle places him 3/29 and 3/30. (The 31st was a Sunday.) He did tell me that his only reason for going back to Atlanta was for his clothing.

4/16/68 Serial 1022 L.A.teletype begins Charles Stein "reinterviewed today." No indication earlier interview to here but report of those with Rita Stein, Maria Martin referred to. Page 2 Stein gives probative reasons for believeing Ray knew New Orleans, as Ray had denied to me. Details of where Ray was to have meetings not in Lomax series.

4/16/68 Serial indicated as 1, between 1044 and 1045 is letter signed by Hoover to Long. Ray Madden. It states that FBI investigation "at the specific request of the Attorney General." This need not mean that Clark personally told him. It can be because of Civil Rts. Div. request. But it does not say to enforce any one law.

If the teletypes are an accurate indication it took rather long for the LA FBI to locate Rita Stein and Marie Martin. They do not report the locating of Stein but do contain a reinterview. It is interesting that the first of these are heavy on the alleged story that Ray insisted on a vote for Wallace as a precondition for providing a ride to N.O. Yet the evidence reported is that there was no Wallace registration. Ray objected strongly to any version of it. Paralleling this there is no record to any criminal record when I have the rap sheets of both Stein's and the Denino name that is mentioned is without a criminal record publicly reported as attached to that part of the trio. The teletypes attach that name to Stein. These people may have told the truth, Ray might have insisted on a Wallace registration despite the records not showing it. But the fact is that these were vulnerable people, subject to pressures. The whole thing appears more questionable because it took so long after the Ray addresses were known before there is any reference to any of these people. Then it is with the Wallace deal Ray disputes.

As they relate to Ray there are two other points here relating to two cities in these records and in my belief to a third about which Jimmy would give me no explanation I could believe. The two are New Orleans and Atlanta. The other is Mobile, near which he would not go. I had my own way ofbeing satisfied Jimmy knew more about New Orleans that he daid. He vehemently denies being in Atlanta 3/31 and it does not make sense that without some reason not apparent he would go there from Birmingham en route to Memphis. More likely is a rendezvous, as also when he fled. He says it was to get his clothing. That involved risks the clothing was not worth and going to where he had a trail no matter how well he believed he had covered it.He arranged a mail rransfer to Atlanta for a short period only. He also used a forwarding service, which is not normally necessary and did leave another record. A simple explanation is available: he never expected that King would be killed. But this does not explain those things about which he dodges and/or appears not to be truthful.

Stein is correct in quoting Jimmy that if Stein saw him in a bar it was the 400 or 500 block of Canal St. Long ago Jimmy told me he had a rendezvous there.

The lack of forthrightness and evasiveness does not persuade he was the shooter. It does lead to the belief there is that which he is hiding.

As with the dates on the locating of the Steins as reflected in these records the dates on some of the tests are provocative. They give the so-called results prior to the time the tests allegedly were performed, if I recall correctly.

Provocative that these files contain only one Congressional letter, filed with those over a thousand although it has the serial 1. It is the only letter other than a printed form in all these to have Hoover's name or initials. He is detached.